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PUBLIC ICE SKATING BEGINS THIS WEEK AT ALL STATE-OWNED RINKS

Ice skating season is here! The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is happy to announce that all 40 DCR rinks throughout the Commonwealth will be open for public skating beginning Friday, November 25th, 2005.

For more information on DCR skating rinks, including opening and closing dates, public skating information, hours of operation, and contact information, please call 617-626-1250, or visit the ice skating page on DCR's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/skating.htm>.

Ice skating lessons are available as well. Bay State Skating School provides recreation skating lessons at rinks in Cleveland Circle, Cambridge, Hyde Park, Dedham, Lynn, Medford (Flynn and LoConte rinks), Newton, Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, South Boston, Waltham, West Roxbury, and Weymouth. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available for ages 4½ and up. For more information, contact Bay State Skating School directly at 781-890-8480 or info@iceskatingclasses.com, or visit <http://www.baystateskatingschool.org/>.

Ice time can also be reserved for hockey leagues, ice skating programs and special events. For information, please refer to the DCR skating web page listed above, or call 617-626-1250.

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